

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported nine sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3109–S3205*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-one bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 514–544, S. Res. 74–77, and S. Con. Res. 13–17.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 195, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to bring underground storage tanks into compliance with subtitle I of that Act, to promote cleanup of leaking underground storage tanks, to provide sufficient resources for such compliance and cleanup, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–13)

S. 273, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of land owned by the State of Wyoming within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park. (S. Rept. No. 108–14)

S. 302, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to restore and extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area. (S. Rept. No. 108–15)

S. 426, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, James Division, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission. (S. Rept. No. 108–16)

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#### Measures Passed:

**Honoring Fred Rogers:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 16, honoring the life and work of Mr. Fred McFeely Rogers.

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#### Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

**Honoring Fred Rogers:** Senate indefinitely postponed S. Con. Res. 12, honoring the life and work of Mr. Fred McFeely Rogers.

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#### Appointments:

**NATO Parliamentary Assembly:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed Senator Smith as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the 108th Congress.

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**Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed Senator Sessions as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 108th Congress.

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**British-American Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, appointed Senator Cochran as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group conference during the 108th Congress.

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**Nomination Considered:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 6, 2003, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination to occur at 10:30 a.m.

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**Treaty Considered:** Senate began consideration of the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions, signed at Moscow on May 24, 2002

(Treaty Doc. 107-8), taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3128-46**

Withdrawn:

Durbin Ex. Amendment No. 250, to provide an additional condition. **Pages S3145-46**

Senate will resume consideration of the Treaty if the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Miguel Estrada (listed-above) fails. **Page S3205**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Periodic Report on Telecommunications Payments Made to Cuba pursuant to Treasury Department Specific Licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-20) **Page S3160**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Roland W. Bullen, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Wayne E. Neill, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

Stephen D. Mull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania.

Diane M. Stuart, of Utah, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Department of Justice. (New Position)

Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Richard C. Wesley, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Stephen C. Robinson, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

P. Kevin Castel, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Samuel Der-Yeghiayan, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S3205**

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## Privilege of the Floor:

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 6, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3205.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CIVIL WORKS PROGRAM/BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation energy and water development programs, after receiving testimony from Les Brownlee, Under Secretary of the Army and Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Lieutenant General Robert B. Flowers, Chief of Engineers, and Major General Robert H. Griffin, Director of Civil Works, both of the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and Bennett W. Raley, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and John W. Keys, III, Commissioner, United States Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior.

### SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

*Committee on Appropriations:* On Tuesday, March 4, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies:* Senators Bennett (Chairman), Cochran, Specter, Bond, McConnell, Burns, Craig, Brownback, Kohl, Harkin, Dorgan, Feinstein, Durbin, Johnson, and Landrieu.

*Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary:* Senators Gregg (Chairman), Stevens, Domenici, McConnell, Hutchison, Campbell, Brownback, Hollings, Inouye, Mikulski, Leahy, Kohl, and Murray.

*Subcommittee on Defense:* Senators Stevens (Chairman), Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Shelby, Gregg, Hutchison, Burns, Inouye, Hollings, Byrd, Leahy, Harkin, Dorgan, Durbin, Reid, and Feinstein.

*Subcommittee on District of Columbia:* Senators DeWine (Chairman), Hutchison, Brownback, Landrieu, and Durbin.

*Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development:* Senators Domenici (Chairman), Cochran, McConnell, Bennett, Burns, Craig, Bond, Reid, Byrd, Hollings, Murray, Dorgan, and Feinstein.